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The Weekly Green Scene

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Student Government Excels at State Convention

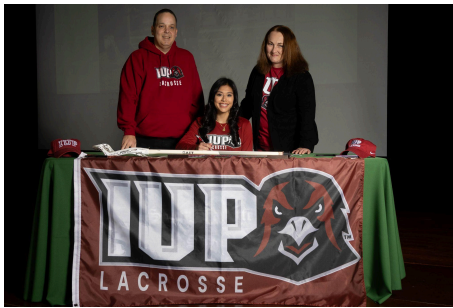
More than twenty members of the SFHS Student Government, accompanied by **Dr. Yerace**, attended the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) State Leadership Convention November 1-2 at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School and brought home the PASC Distinguished Keystone Council award. This is the highest award that PASC can give to a council and takes into account the council's leadership, organizational function, and events and activities throughout the year.

While at the convention, six SF students, **Alexa Ankrum, Mackenzie Concannon, Arianna Doeblar, Amelya Pinami, Anna Snyder, and Hannah Yeh**, presented workshops for their peers.



Signing Day: Senior Athletes Commit to College

On Wednesday afternoon, nine of our senior student-athletes publicly committed to continue their academic and athletic careers at their colleges of choice. Congratulations to each of them for having the opportunity to make this decision and to share their talents at the next level. Thank you to their family and friends for being in attendance at the Signing Day event.



Liliana Caruso
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Major: Nursing; Sport: Lacrosse



Madelyn Cavanaugh
Slippery Rock University
Major: Nursing; Sport: Softball



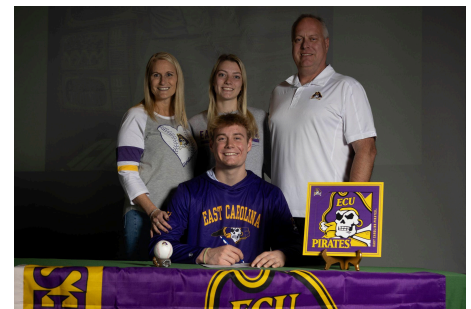
Anthony Diodata
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Major: Accounting; Sport: Baseball



Madisyn Jones
Howard University
Major: Political Science and
Criminology; Sport: Volleyball



Cierra Rexrode
Eastern Michigan University
Major: Nursing; Sport: Rowing



Ethan Rose
East Carolina University
Major: Kinesiology; Sport: Baseball



Chloe Sheader
Saint Francis University
Major: Nursing; Sport: Lacrosse



Layla Sodini
East Tennessee State University
Major: Sports Management;
Sport: Softball



Brooklyn Spruit
Mercyhurst University
Major: Early Childhood Education;
Sport: Lacrosse



Intermediate School Ranked in Top 1%

The *U.S. News and World Report* released its 2025 Best Elementary School Rankings yesterday and South Fayette Intermediate School was ranked #36 out of 3,216 ranked schools in Pennsylvania, placing our third through fifth graders in the top one percent of educational institutions in the state! Per the [website](#), "Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation, and how well they prepare their students for high school." South Fayette Elementary School was not separately ranked.

Athletic Director of the Year: New Award from WPIAL

In partnership with Snap! Mobile, the WPIAL has announced a new award and recognition dedicated to WPIAL Athletic Directors. Parents, coaches, students, peers, and school administration may cast their votes now until December 4 for the Snap! Mobile Athletic Director of the Year, and the winner will receive special recognition on the WPIAL website and social channels plus a \$500 gift card for a weekend getaway. The winner will be announced on December 16 to celebrate National Athletic Directors Day. [Click here to nominate Mr. Keener!](#)



Reminders

- Information about Virtual Learning Days is available under Flexible Instruction Days (FID) from the QR Code on the "What Every Lion Needs to Know" magnet that all families received at the beginning of the school year.
- Download the WPIAL Official App from both the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#) by searching "WPIAL", or by visiting the [WPIAL Official App page on the league website](#).
- Campus construction updates are available online at a [dedicated page](#) on the district website.

Student and Staff Shout Outs

★ Very proud of the Middle School Forensics Team that competed against 9 other schools last Saturday and the following students who brought home more than 20 top three awards across six categories: **Aarna Arora, Sumedha Bhimavarapu, Dheuva Ajesh, Faiza Feroz, Anushka Joshi, Dhruv Manojanand, Anusha Nandi, Sastra Narayan, Sahana Raja, Ruchit Rathi, Laalitya Sagi, Riya Saravanan, Neil Sarin, Hriday Shah, Vishnu Sreekumar, Aarush Thakkar, and Diya Thirumurugan.** Great job!

★ Three cheers for **Kendall Hammer, CJ Inkenhause, Lily Shuey, and Ayaan Soni** who performed this week at the PMEA Honors Orchestra festival!

★ Way to go **Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Team** for earning 1st Place at the Tornado Warning Competitive Cheerleading Competition on November 10!

★ Congrats to **Gabby Beinecke, Mia Deramo, Abbey Spalla,** and **Caitlyn Thompson** who were all named as WPIAL Girls All-Stars by the WPIAL Soccer Coaches Association!

★ Congratulations to the members of the Boys Varsity Soccer Team who were selected by the WPIAL Soccer Coaches Association to the WPIAL 3-A All-Section Team: **Ryan Bradley, Lucas Patel,** and **Tyler Sidhom.**

★ The **Middle School Girls Basketball Teams** both completed their seasons UNDEFEATED! The eighth grade team went 12-0 finishing with a 46-20 victory over West Allegheny yesterday and the seventh graders are 13-0 after defeating West A 32-11. Congratulations Lady Lions on absolutely amazing seasons!

★ This week's Lion Card raffle winners at the IS from each grade who have been proudly making safe, kind, and responsible choices are: 3rd Grade: **Sophia Belcastra** and **Carlisle Willy**; 4th Grade: **Emily Krockner** and **Tvisha Mehta**; 5th Grade: **Ben Petruska** and **Joey Redlinger.** Congratulations and great job!

★ Congratulations to last week's Lion Pride winners at the ES for the PBIS Program: Kindergarten: **Bennett Locklin, Catherine Maynard, Teagan Sullivan,** and **Gia Violi**; 1st Grade: **Aarush Bhundiya, Bailey Hinderliter, Srinith Kontham,** and **River Kosinski**; 2nd Grade: **Joey Emrock, Keira Merwede, Sophia Moisa,** and **Atharv Singh.** These Super Lions showed that they are Safe, Kind, and Responsible and will be entered into the ES monthly drawing for the chance at a class or individual reward of their choice.

★ The ES had their second monthly drawing, and the students who won PBIS Classroom Incentives rewards were: **Charles Heckman, Sadie LaMendola, Liam McClure, Brendyn Pike, Madison Pilsner,** and **Kellen Stoddard.** Congratulations!

Events Next Week

November 16, 2024

Garba Festival, 7 pm, HS Gym

November 19, 2024

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

November 21, 2024

PTA Science Fair for ES & IS, 6:30
pm, IS Gym

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 25 - 27, 2024

No School for Students -
Parent/Teacher Conferences
MS Student-Led Conferences

November 26, 2024

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm,
HS Studio

November 28 - December 2, 2024

School Closed - Fall Break

November 28, 2024

Thanksgiving

December 2, 2024

Little Lions Early Learning
Academy Lottery Request Period
Opens
School Board Reorganization
Meeting, 7:30 pm, HS Studio

December 4 - 6, 2024

Keystone Exams

December 5, 2024

MS Holiday Chorus Concert, 6 pm, MS Auditorium

December 11, 2024

3rd & 4th Grade Winter Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, IS Gym
Coffee and Conversation with District Leadership, 9 - 10 am, Pride Room

December 14, 2024

Breakfast with Santa, 9 - 11 am, HS Commons
PTA Holiday Market, 10 am - 2 pm, HS Studio & Theatre Corridor

December 18, 2024

HS Music Department Holiday Concert, 7 pm, HS Theatre

December 21, 2024

Little Lions Early Learning Academy Lottery Request Period Closes

December 26, 2024

Hanukkah
Kwanzaa

December 6, 2024

End of Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive
Interim Report Cards Available on Parent Portal

December 12, 2024

MS Holiday Orchestra Concert, 6:30 pm, Auditorium
MS Holiday Band Concert, 8 pm, Auditorium

December 16, 2024

Two-Hour Delay for Students

December 19, 2024

ES & IS PTA Holiday Parties

December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025

School Closed - Winter Break

December 31, 2024

New Year's Eve

December 10 - 12

Keystone Exam Make-Up Days

December 13, 2024

PTA Holiday Market, 4 - 8 pm, HS Studio & Theatre Corridor
Carols & Cocoa featuring IS Beginning Band, 5th Grade Band, HS Wind Ensemble, 7 pm, IS Gym

December 17, 2024

5th Grade Band, Choir & Orff Ensemble, & Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, HS Theatre

December 20, 2024

Early Dismissal for Winter Break

December 25, 2024

Christmas Day

January 1, 2025

New Year's Day



Have news to share?* Article drafts, flyers, ads, .jpg or .png images can be emailed to: Jennifer Donovan, Director of Communications at jldonovan@southfayette.org
Deadline: 10 am Thursday prior to release/issue date. Example: newsletter date is Friday, August 30, submission deadline is 10 am on Thursday, August 29.

*Submission does not guarantee placement in upcoming issue(s).

Community Resources

Fundraisers

SF Girls Soccer

Back-to-Back WPIAL Championship Store

CLICK TO SHOP

Order by November 20
for FREE pick-up at
SF Stadium on
December 16, 6 - 7 pm.

Standard shipping will apply to later orders.



<https://stores.inksoft.com/SouthFayetteGirlsSoccer>

South Fayette's 17th Annual Stuff-A-Bus

Nov 11th to Dec 13th

TOYS FOR TOTS

Over 48,000
toys collected
since 2008!



Ways to Donate

Bring **NEW & UNWRAPPED** toys to the ES, IS, MS, or HS
After school hours... place in the drop-off box in front of the HS

Ship toy donations directly to the high school:
Stuff-A-Bus, SFHS, 3640 Old Oakdale Road, McDonald, PA 15057

Make a monetary donation online
or mail checks payable to *South Fayette School District*
We ask that checks arrive no later than Friday, December 6



Sponsored by South Fayette Student Government

SOUTH FAYETTE WRESTLING

ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

11th Annual

Purse & Cash Bash

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024

DOORS OPEN @ 6PM

EVENT BEGINS @ 7PM

SOUTH FAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

661 MILLERS RUN RD, CUDDY 15031

\$35 Donation includes

9 chances to win a designer purse

9 cash prizes, a door prize & beverages

FINAL PURSE @ 10PM-LOUIS VUITTON

CHINESE AUCTION, RAFFLES,

**50/50, GAMES OF CHANCE ALL AVAILABLE FOR
SEPARATE PURCHASE.**

Feel free to bring your
own food and drink.

For tickets email:
southfayettewrestling@gmail.com

Must be 18 years old to attend

The South Fayette Swim & Dive Team & Flip Turn Club
announce their:



HOLIDAY POOL PARTY

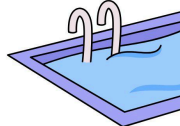


WHERE: SF Middle School Pool
(entrance on the left side of the school)
WHO: SF Students in 4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADES
WHEN: Friday, December 6, 2024
TIME: 6:30-8:45 pm
COST: \$10 per swimmer (includes slice of pizza)

Additional PIZZA, DRINKS, SNACKS and LUCKY DUCKS will
be available for sale!

Drop your child off inside the pool. Parties are supervised
by coaches, lifeguards, swim parents, and members of the
swim team.

Pick up your child promptly at 8:45 inside the pool - or
pull down to the pool doors and we will escort your child
to the car.



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

NEXT POOL PARTY February 2025!



**Saturday
December 7th
10am-5pm**

**20% of your purchase will benefit
South Fayette Cross Country / Track Boosters!**

Use Code Word **LION** at check-out.

- Complimentary gift bag or gift wrap with each purchase
3847 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317

*Fifth Graders and Kindergarteners are
Working Together to Kick off a Season
of Good Deeds*

HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE

You can help out by donating to
local missions in Pittsburgh, PA

Details:

Who: all students are welcome to participate

What: NEW winter hats and gloves

SIZE: adult sizes only please

Where: homeroom teachers will be collecting
donations for their class

*a box will also be available at Holiday Mart

When: Now - December 16

Why: to participate in the giving spirit this holiday
season!



District Events

**PARENT MEETING
AND INFORMATION SESSION**

**HIGH SCHOOL SWIM
AND DIVE TEAM**

Monday, November 18th
7:00 p.m.

SF Middle School Cafeteria

*Come and learn about the 2024-2025
season and meet coaches and
the booster club!*



**South Fayette High
School Military
Information Night!**

PRESENTATIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY THE:
US AIR FORCE
US ARMY
US MARINE CORPS
US NAVY
PA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
PA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS
AFTER THE PRESENTATIONS



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @
6:30 P.M.

SOUTH FAYETTE HIGH
SCHOOL THEATRE



DONATE NOW!

SAY YES TO THE DRESS

A SECOND LIFE FOR YOUR FORMAL DRESSES

- Prom/Homecoming
- Interview Attire
- Sports Banquets
- Cocktail Dresses

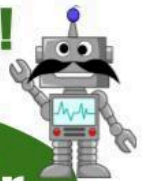


DRESSES CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE LIBRARY OR AT THE SFHS STADIUM

Be entered for a chance to win a FREE PROM TICKET and other prizes!

SPONSORED BY SF STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Junior Scientists and Inventors, Time to Register!



2024 Science and Invention Fair

Thursday, November 21, 6:00pm-7:45pm, IS Gym
Project drop-off is Wednesday, November 20 6:30-8pm



*Grades K-5, Individuals or Groups (up to 4)

*Registration required!

*Win great prizes - like tickets to the Children's Museum, a signed picture from Cam Hayward, and more!

More Info and Registration at:

<https://forms.gle/HmQKmfRsRqL3pUQ7A>



LIONS OF STEEL

BEGINS
JANUARY
2025

JOIN US TO BE PART OF THE KIDS OF STEEL PROGRAM AT SOUTH FAYETTE AND RUN IN THE PITTSBURGH KIDS MARATHON!

Training is in person at both the Elementary and Intermediate schools.



Registration is open!



For more information, visit South Fayette's Lions of Steel websites:
ES - <https://lions-of-steel.webnode.com/>
IS - <https://sites.google.com/view/sfiskidsofsteel>

**Race day is
May 3, 2025**



FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROGRAM, CONTACT:

Mrs. Colangelo (ES) - racolangelo@southfayette.org
Miss Fornella (IS) - cmfornella@southfayette.org

COFFEE & CONVERSATION with District Leadership

Join District Leadership for Coffee in The Pride Room, located in the Administrative Offices.*

Our District Superintendent and fellow leaders will provide updates on the exciting ways the District is "Future-Focused, Student-Centered, and Innovation-Driven."

**December 11
9 - 10 am**

To attend,
please register:
bit.ly/4e5E8MY



*Use the stairs or elevator on the left side of the breezeway to proceed to the 2nd level.

Community Activities

JOIN US FOR

CHRISTMAS DRIVE

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF GIVING!

How can you help?

Donate new toys ages 2 to 14 boys and girls
Benefits local Bridgeville/South Fayette Area Food Bank families

DROP OFF LOCATION SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP BUILDING	OPERATING HOURS Collecting Now until Nov. 30
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For more info please call Annie 412 292-1342

SOUTH FAYETTE YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to providing boys and girls in South Fayette Township with the opportunity to play and compete in the sport of lacrosse.

Visit our website and discover how you can get involved!

Purchase SFYLA Spirit Wear

Register for the 2025 Season at Discounted Rate

**South Fayette Township
Puzzle Palooza**



Dec. 10

**Winter
Wonderland**



6:30pm, South Fayette Twp. Municipal Building
Ages 7 & Up, Groups of 2-6, \$5 per group
 Sign up at southfayettepa.com/recreation or call 412-221-8700

**SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP
HOLIDAY BUS TRIP**

ENJOY A CHARTERED BUS FOR AN EVENING TRIP TO OGLEBAY RESORT FOR A BUFFET DINNER AND FESTIVE SHOW FOLLOWED BY A GUIDED TOUR OF OGLEBAY'S HOLIDAY LIGHTS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, 2024
3:15 PM - 9:00 PM
 DEPARTS FROM SF SENIOR CENTER

3:15pm: Depart South Fayette Senior Center
 4:30pm: Arrive Oglebay Resort
 4:30pm-5:30pm: Oglebay Shops
 5:30pm-7:30pm: Buffet Dinner & Show
 7:30pm-8:00pm: Oglebay Lights Tour
 Home approx. 8:00pm





\$125
 FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRIP
 AGES 8 - ADULT

BOOK NOW!

Call 412-221-8700 ext. 222 or visit SouthFayettePA.com/recreation

South Fayette Township



Sound Beginnings
jungle journey
 themed lesson student book

PARENT & ME MUSIC CLASS
 AGES 4 & UNDER
 THURS. JAN. 16-FEB. 20
 10AM-10:30AM
 \$110

South Fayette Township Building
 100 Township Drive
 South Fayette Township PA 15017

SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION
 INCNEILL@SFTVP.COM
 412-221-8700 EXT. 222

South Fayette Township KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Baking Class w/
The Pie Place



TUESDAYS, JANUARY 14–FEBRUARY 4
4:15PM–5:45PM, AGES 6–11
SOUTH FAYETTE SENIOR CENTER
515 MILLERS RUN RD. SOUTH FAYETTE PA 15064

\$150

SIGN UP @ SOUTHFAYETTEPA.COM/RECREATION

South Fayette Township BABYSITTER TRAINING



PROVIDED BY VBW TRAINING
AMERICAN RED CROSS LICENSED INSTRUCTOR



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
10:00AM -5:30 PM

TRAINING INCLUDES :

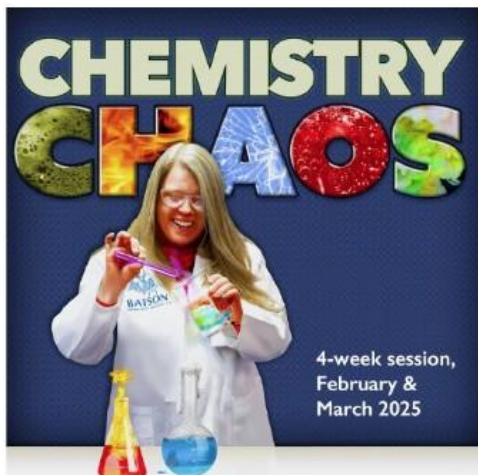
- ✓ Diapering
- ✓ Critical Thinking
- ✓ Bottling
- ✓ Activity Planning
- ✓ Feeding
- ✓ Resume Building
- ✓ CPR/ First Aid
- ✓ Business Planning



\$160

South Fayette Township Building
Lafayette Room
100 Township Drive, South Fayette PA 15017

SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation
imcneill@sftwp.com
412-221-8700 ext.222



CHEMISTRY CHAOS

4-week session,
February &
March 2025

South Fayette Science Enrichment Program For grades 1–3

Have you ever wanted to perform your own science experiments? Here's your chance! We'll explore chemistry and physics in a very hands-on (MESSY!) way.

You may have played with slime before, but have you ever seen a flying tea bag?

Mrs. Joan Batson will teach this exciting science enrichment series. Join us in Chemistry Chaos as we break out the beakers to mix some oozing and erupting concoctions! Don't miss it!

When: 5:30pm-6:30pm, Tuesdays February 25-March 18

Where: South Fayette Senior Center, 515 Millers Run Rd.

Program fee: \$95

To register, visit the South Fayette website:

<https://pasfayetteweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/iteminfo.html?Module=AR&FMID=12307413>

Mother, May I?

Manners & Etiquette Class

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6pm-7:30pm
Ages 6-12, \$45
South Fayette Senior Center

MEAL TIME MANNERS

COMMON COURTESIES

EXCUSE ME

PLEASE & THANK YOU

YOU'RE WELCOME

SouthFayettePa.com/Recreation412-221-8700 EXT.222